

RUSSIA IS AT FRONT WITH AFFRONT

Says She Did Not Mean Any Harm in Firing

THOUGHT SHE HAD CAUSE FOR ATTACKING

Believed They Were Fighting Ships Sent Against Her Fleet—Japanese Making Headway at Port Arthur—Tremendous Efforts to Capture Fortifications Continue—Heroic Deeds Recorded in the War.

JAP VICTORY

Tokio, Dec. 24.—The Japanese forces besieging Port Arthur yesterday stormed and are now holding the heights east of Houtangshukou. A number of prisoners were captured. The Japanese report that the Russian General Kondratenko and another general officer, whose name is not known, are reported killed and it is said General Fock is wounded.

LEAVING PEZ.

London, Dec. 24.—The British minister has instructed the British consul and subjects to leave. It is believed that all other legations will similarly instruct people of their nationality.

Paris, Dec. 24.—The Russian defense before the international commission, which is to inquire into the North Sea incident, is practically completed. The main feature is that firing by the Russian squadron was justified as a defense against attack. This entails proving the presence of Japanese torpedo boats.

Russian delegates inform the Associated Press that they possess this proof in a most positive and overwhelming form. Second, that even if Russians were not attacked, they believed they were attacked and, therefore, the defensive measures taken were in absolute good faith. Third, at the most it was an accident at sea, where dangers and risks are extreme, and an analogous to the British battleship Comperdown ramming and sinking the British battleship Victoria, and the recent firing by the British warship upon a coasting vessel during target practice.

THROUGH ENEMY'S COUNTRY.
Moscow, Dec. 24.—V. F. Grazevsky, correspondent of the Ruskaya Slava, has just arrived in San Francisco after long and hazardous trip through Japan where he traveled as an American journalist under the name of Percy Palmer. He undertook the journey to ascertain the true situation of affairs in the enemy's country, taking the risk of discovery and execution as a spy. He had a complete American outfit and arranged to have letters forwarded from various cities in the United States. He has telegraphed to the Ruskaya Slava from San Francisco that he visited Yokohama, Tokio, Sasebo, Kito, Shimonoeki, Osaka, Nagasaki, and Matsuyama; photographed the Russian prison camp, examined hospitals, fortress and troops, and met and was entertained by high Japanese. Grazevsky is bringing home a mass of interesting material which will make interesting disclosures.

NO ACTIVE FIGHTING.

London, Dec. 24.—Telegraphing from Tokio, a correspondent of the Daily Express says he learns that in the event of Admiral Kamomura (who is reported to have gone south with a squadron of powerful cruisers) notifying it of the approach of the second Russian Pacific squadron, the whole Japanese fleet, which has been operating at Port Arthur, will be ready to proceed south on a day's notice to give battle.

CHINESE SEIZE AMMUNITION.
London, Dec. 24.—The Times correspondent at Peking reports that Chinese have seized at Fengtai station, near Peking, three million rounds of Russian rifle ammunition consigned to a Russian firm at Tien Tsin and undoubtedly designed for Port Arthur. The ammunition was concealed in bales of wool brought from Kalgan on camels.

JAPANESE VIEW.
(Aizach, Kinnosuke in Review of Reviews.)
In 1881, and in the year that followed it, the French government took a great deal of trouble and interest in a

WELL KNOWN MINERS FALL FROM GRACE

CRIME HEINOUS IN CHARACTER CHARGED TO THEM IN CONNECTION WITH ROBBERY.

TRY CRIMINAL ASSAULT

Upon Girl After Breaking Into Room and Taking \$8—Broke Into Another Room in House and Searched It For Money.

I. A. Briggs and Walter Wheaton, miners well known about the city, and until yesterday enjoying no small popularity with many friends, were arrested at 4 o'clock yesterday morning by Private Policeman Charley Thomas under peculiar circumstances.

Officer Thomas was passing down O. K. street yesterday morning when he was called by an Italian, who stood shivering in his underclothes near the Pythian hall. The man said that thieves had broken into the house where he lived and had searched his room for valuables while holding him under cover of a gun. After going through his room the men had taken him outside while they went through the room of a Mexican girl occupying another part of the house. She had resisted the liberties one of the men had attempted with her and the man left to guard his companion. Left alone, the Italian had gone in search of help, with the result of meeting Officer Thomas.

The girl started on the witness stand in the court of Judge McDonald last night that Wheaton had broken down the door of her room in order to secure entrance. Afterwards he leveled a gun at her and proceeded to ransack the room, getting \$8 in cash, which he pocketed. He then attempted a criminal assault upon her, when her cries caused Briggs to come to his assistance.

Officer Thomas said on the witness stand that when he arrived at the house with the Italian he found Briggs standing guard in the yard and Wheaton in the house, partly undressed, and in a struggle with the girl. On the evidence submitted Briggs and Wheaton were remanded to jail under bond of \$1,000 each which they were unable to furnish, to await the decision of the court, which will be rendered Tuesday morning. As the case stands, the men are held for one of the most outrageous and daring attempts at criminality ever perpetrated in the city. In discussing the matter yesterday officers gave expression to the belief that much of the petty thieving committed in the city during the last several months and attributed to hoboes would now be traced to the door of Briggs and Wheaton.

CHICAGO UNIVERSITY.

Rockefeller Helps Play the Current Expenses of the Institution.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—President Harper, of the University of Chicago, has made a statement regarding the reported gifts from John D. Rockefeller on the occasion of the quarterly convocation to be held this evening. "No request has been made to Mr. Rockefeller, either for endowment for a school of technology or medicine," he said. "The fact of the case is that John D. Rockefeller, Sr., has sent a letter to the board of trustees of the University, saying that he will take pleasure in giving to the university to be used for current expenses, the same amount he gave last year—\$254,000."

The congregation of the university has voted to confer the degree of doctor of laws upon Professor Ettore Pais, head of the department of ancient history of the University of Naples, Italy.

DEATH'S VISIT.

To the Home of Jerry Kelly—Summoned Twice Within a Week.

For the second time within a week, death visited the family of Jerry Kelly, of Tombstone canyon, yesterday morning at an early hour. The summons came this time to Dan, the three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly. The child had been in ill health for months and the end came with the gradual wearing out of the constitution of the little fellow. The funeral occurred yesterday afternoon.

IN RINCON MOUNTAINS.

A meeting of the owners of ground in Happy Valley will be held this week at the office of B. J. O'Reilly Tuesday, to incorporate a company on claims in the Rincon district. John Weaslich is at the head of the transaction with people he has interested on a large scale.

NEW YORK MARKET LETTER

THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH THE SITUATION THERE—IT HAS NOT EVEN THAT BAD COLOR—THINGS HAVE OF COURSE BEEN IN A TURMOIL BUT NO SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES ATTEND—LAWSON, REGARDLESS OF EFFECTS PRODUCED IS TO BE ADMIRABLE.

LOOKS LIKE REJUVENATION WAS AT HAND

New York, Dec. 24.—The stock market has certainly had its ups and downs within the last two weeks, and the result has been beneficial to the structure which has been strengthened and chastened as it has not been for long time.

The violence of the treatment suggests the allopathic remedy, but the Street is congratulating itself upon the successful purging without the accompaniment of serious complications along the shores of speculation.

For two weeks the financial district has been in a turmoil; emotional changes occurring alternately with the gigantic strides down, then up, then down, and up again, which were taken by the market. Strange to say the result is not pessimism. The changes have been kaleidoscopic in their character, and the swiftness of execution has left little impression upon the conservative mind, although it must be admitted that the small speculator has been wrecked upon the shoals of margin, and so far as that buying power is concerned, impairment has occurred.

Deducting the various features and analyzing the entire situation, it looks very much as though Thomas W. Lawson was made the willing scapegoat of action for the large interests, in shaking out the bull following and getting back, at lower levels, stock sold at a handsome profit on the election of Roosevelt.

If Lawson alone did it, that is to say, started the break, he only accomplished it through a psychological discernment that inspires the greatest admiration, but there is no doubt that the market, as we look back at it now, was extremely vulnerable, even granting that the underlying conditions were bullish and justified the advanced levels.

The probability is that the large interests, not giving any excuse that would appear reasonable to the speculative fraternity, in bringing about a slump, simply pulled the peg and let the Bostonian do the rest in the way of inducing everybody to liquidate and few others to go short.

The last 20 points of the rise were no doubt largely speculative, the movement having gained headway, and being carried further than was expected, by its own momentum.

It is believed that the preparation is for an investment advance to prices higher than reached on this last rise. In order to bring about this improvement, it is necessary, first, to establish a big shortage. This has been done to a great extent, but the work may not yet be finished. It may be safely stated, however, that the shortage is larger than at any time since the Northern Securities decision.

In the second place having fostered

this shortage, intimations of increased dividends and combinations must be given out, confidentially, to tempt the investors into buying standard issues around present levels. In the meantime these investors' attention is to be kept on cheap money notes.

It is not desirable to advance the market until this investment demand has removed a good part of the floating supply, for it always refuses to climb for stocks. The spectre of cheap money will be kept prominently before the investors, with the idea that the January disbursements will make rates still lower.

Third, the market having been pounded into compactness, the various issues selected for increased dividends—perhaps Norfolk & Western, Baltimore & Ohio, Louisville & Nashville, and Union Pacific—will be made prominent along specialty lines, and the market will very likely creep up almost imperceptibly until the latest high figures prevail.

From that point on, the plan of the manipulators would be to broaden the market and get the public in to a larger extent, but, all this time, according to old-timers in the Street, there will be presented no fireworks and deliberation of movement will govern so as not to alarm the investor and conservative outside speculator.

In the meantime, a trading market is anticipated, within a comparatively narrow limit with the usual holiday dullness occasionally ruling so as to give the Street an opportunity to recover from the shock to which it has been subjected.

There is no reason to anticipate a bear market. Underlying conditions include a big demand for steel, which is increasing; an enormous increase in bank clearings, showing general business revival; cheaper cotton to supply the increasing demands for goods based on the huge crop; big total grain yield selling at high prices; cheap money, with 5 months' funds at 3 1/2 per cent, while many stocks return 4 to 6 per cent; a strong technical stock market, oversold; and a responsive outside element.

Conditions are not what they were a year ago, prior to the big bear market, when credit was over-extended, loans inflated, and confidence lost. The stock market has recovered from a false to a natural bottom in the last rise, and intrinsic levels are really higher. After they are reached, it will be time to inculcate caution.

Discriminating purchases made now upon breaks, will, according to some of the conservative old school houses, well reward those who have the courage to buy on ample margin, for they say facts of irresistible force are at work for the enhancement of security values.

BOLD THIEF IS CAUGHT AT WORK

SMITH STOLE TURKEY AND WALKED AWAY WITH IT UNDER COAT.

Officer Arrested Man While Trying to Sell Bird—After Sentence For Offense Smith Abused Court and Got Additional Fine.

A hobo giving the name of Thomas Smith was arrested yesterday morning by Officer Doyle for stealing a turkey. Following a fine for this offense, Smith became abusive to the court and got an additional dose for contempt.

Smith was going up Brewery Gulch when he caught sight of a barrel of dressed turkeys in front of the Medigovich store. He dipped his hand into the barrel and extracted a plump Christmas bird. Showing it under his coat he proceeded up the gulch. A man standing near witnessed the performance and hunting up Officer Doyle told him of the theft. Doyle promptly followed the thief, overtaking him at a house where he was offering the turkey for sale. He arrested the man and took him before Judge McDonald. To the justice Smith said that he was without money and hungry, wherefore he had taken the turkey. The judge said 30 days, whereupon Smith told his story that he was a son-of-a-gun cinching him simply because he had an opportunity. The judge replied with a thirty-day additional sentence for contempt of court, and Mr. Smith languishes in durango vile this glad Christmas day.

Major Hargrove returned to the city yesterday from a business trip to Tucson.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS ARE INADEQUATE

TRUSTEES MUST SOON FIND WAY TO INCREASE THE ACCOMMODATIONS.

Heavy increase in Attendance This Month and More Coming Next—Central Building Can Get Along Only By Putting Seats in Hall.

The rapid growth in school attendance in the city is about to put a problem up to the school trustees. It will probably take the form of a demand for another building. At the very least it will call for no less than additional room.

The monthly report of Superintendent Philbrook, which will be issued this week, will show an increase in attendance of the schools of over 175 during this month. The increase next month promises to reach up toward the record of this month, for there are a good many children who have been held back to commence on the new term, and there are also a good many people coming into the city now with children of school age.

At none of the school buildings is the situation so congested as at the Central, where the proper handling of the pupils during the last couple of months has been impossible by reason of the absolute lack of room. Next month there will be over a hundred more pupils come to this building from grades from which they have been advanced. Where to put them is now the question of the hour with the school management. The only temporary relief that has been suggested is to place seats in the hallways of

STATEHOOD AS SEEN BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

OPPOSITION TO PASSAGE OF JOINT STATEHOOD BILL.

BUT PASSAGE IS LOOKED FOR

It is Feared That Democrats During Rush of Short Session Cannot Afford to Do Much Obstructing.

The special Washington correspondent of the Kansas City Star, who has been found reliable and conservative speaks as follows of the Statehood situation:

A canvass of the Senate by the friends of Statehood indicates there is a safe majority for the two-State bill if the alternative proposition of two States or no States is presented. Oklahoma and Indian Territory are stronger in the Senate than New Mexico and Arizona. There is no Senate opposition to any quarter to the admission of Oklahoma as a State.

It is admitted that the newest of the Territories has sufficient population to entitle it to Statehood and abundant resources to maintain a State government. But there are pronounced differences of opinion as to the advisability of making one State of Oklahoma and Indian Territory. The majority of Senators are said to favor the one-State proposition.

Every Senator opposed to the union of Oklahoma and Indian Territory is also opposed to making one State of New Mexico and Arizona. In addition there are a number of Senators on both the Republican and Democratic sides who do not believe either New Mexico or Arizona is prepared for Statehood. The minority report of the Committee on Territories has not been definitely determined, but will without doubt provide for separate Territories.

It is not improbable that it will provide that Arizona shall become a State when the federal census shows it to have sufficient population to entitle it to membership of the lower house under the existing Congressional apportionment. An effort will be made in the open Senate to separate the two bills which were constructed by the Territories Committee as the House. The chief assault on the bill made by the Democrats will be in support of this proposition. It is successful the chance for Arizona and New Mexico being admitted at this session will be lessened.

The Republican steering committee will endeavor to keep the bill intact, just as it came from the Committee on Territories. If the Republicans present anything like a solid front this can be done. A number of Democratic Senators will support the bill in this shape on its final project.

Bullet Came Close to Miners—Special Officer Finerty appears to be largely bent upon establishing large fame for numerosity in the police courts of the city. The officer was there again yesterday with a Mexican who discharged firearms at random in the morning within the precincts of South Bisbee. In the course of the said uncalculated discharges the Mexican came near shooting several men who were on their way home from work in the L. S. & P. No. 3. Judge McDonald gave the Mexican 50 days.

Christmas Trees—Large numbers were in attendance last night at the several church Christmas tree entertainments, at all of which highly enjoyable times were reported. Presents were distributed with a free hand amid much delight on the part of the youthful beneficiaries and the programs that were arranged were carried out in most praiseworthy manner.

Sad News—Mrs. E. R. Woolfe received a telegram yesterday announcing that her father had sustained injuries of a serious nature. Owing to his advanced years recovery is doubtful. Mrs. Woolfe will leave for Butte, the home of her father, today, unless she receives advice noting improvement in his condition.

Frank Moore was among the arrivals yesterday from the Chiricahua to spend Christmas in town.

the building and thus accommodate the overflow. This plan has a serious drawback in the fact that more or less draught is continuous in the hallways and exposure of the children to it during the succeeding winter months would be highly undesirable and risky from a health standpoint. Addition to the Central school building is not considered practical, inasmuch as it is now a patchwork, created from a single adobe room and the second story a brick structure resting on the walls of three adobe buildings erected as occasion required for the past needs.

IOWA BLAZE COST COUPLE MILLIONS

Iowa City is Sufferer in Behalf of Flames

FLAMES BURST IN HEART OF TOWN

Efforts to Overcome Fire are Futile—Large Block is Burned Before Are Enabled to Cope with the Terrible Disaster They Find at Hand—Impossible to Estimate the Full Loss Sustained By Those in Interest.

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 24.—Sioux City awoke the day before Christmas with two of the best building blocks in ashes, causing a loss that may reach two millions and a half and throwing hundreds of people out of employment.

The fire originated in the basement of a dry goods store, at Fourth and Jackson street, one of the main corners of the city. A strong wind was blowing from the west and the fire soon spread from the Massachusetts building to the Trop building, across Jackson, a seven story structure, and then leaped across Fourth street to the Metropolitan block which, also, was a seven story building. This building was only partially destroyed, but the Toy block and its annex on the east were totally destroyed.

The Massachusetts building in which the Pelletier dry goods company was located, was soon destroyed. The fire then swept toward the west, finally wiping out two of the blocks in the center of the city, between Jackson street on the east and Pierce street on the west, Fourth street on the north and Third street on the south.

Within this territory the only buildings saved were the Northwestern National Bank, on Fourth and Pierce streets, and the Tribune building on Pierce street and Third. Many times the flames leaped across Fourth street and plate glass windows were damaged in other large stores. Three hotels were burned. No West, Leader and Pullman. All the guests escaped in safety. One man who was killed jumped from a fourth story window in the Massachusetts building. He struck a wire and missed the net, which was being held by firemen. Nobody has been able to identify him, here were no other serious casualties.

For several hours it was believed that the whole business portion of the city would be burned. Omaha, Council Bluffs and other cities sent fire apparatus, but the fire was under control when they arrived. The flames were finally checked at Pierce street after Selzer Bros. wholesale liquor establishment had been destroyed.

The Tribune building, across from the Selzer building, was on fire several times, and Davidson's big department store was only saved by great effort. All of its plate glass windows on the Pierce street side were broken by heat. It was not until 3 o'clock this morning that the flames were safely under control. The Western union telegraph company, whose entire plant was destroyed, established temporary offices at the C. & N. W. depot, where it began handling its business at midnight. Today new equipment and telegraph apparatus will arrive from Omaha and other cities and will be installed as once in the temporary location.

JUNCTION PAYMENT.

The second payment on the Junction ground was made Friday. The fact tells its own story of what is thought of the property.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING.

Stockholders of the Gold Nugget Mining company will meet in this city, at the office of J. G. Pritchard, in annual session, January 24.

MINING MAN'S VISIT.

Ambrose Chocai arrived in the city yesterday from Colorado. He comes to look after assessment work on claims he owns in the group that was recently given up by the Mitchell Development Co.

DRILL ON DENN CLAIMS.

Another drill was started Saturday by the Patterson crowd on the property they have recently engaged to exploit between the Junction and the Sargaw. The new drill hole is on the Denn ground near the cemetery.